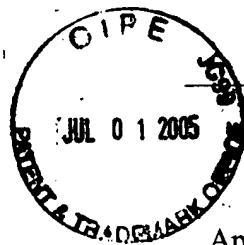


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment in 7 pages with Exhibit 1.
- (X) Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 in 2 pages with Exhibits A and B.

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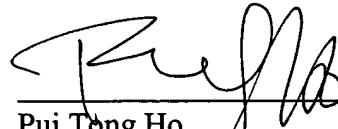
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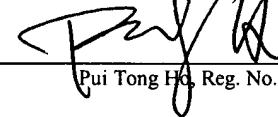
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to an Office Action mailed March 1, 2005. A response is timely filed with a one-month extension by July 1, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.